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## **SELECTMEN**

Scott Sanborn '02\*Charles Sova'03 \*Carol Decato'04

### **MODERATOR TOWN CLERK TREASURER**

Daniel Hazelton

Carol Decato

Linda Giner

### **TAX**

### **DEEDING**

### **ROAD**

### **COLLECTOR**

### **AGENT**

### **AGENT**

Sharon Proulx

Sharon Proulx

George Smith

**SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE** Charles Sova

**OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE** Selectmen

**TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS** Alice Smith

### **CEMETERY**

### **HEALTH**

### **POLICE**

### **AGENT**

### **OFFICER**

### **CHIEF**

James Colburn

Donald Pfaefflin

Andrew Ware

### **PLANNING BOARD**

Robert Proulx, Chairman\*William Fulton\*George Smith

Lyell Smith\*Robert Ells\*Evelyn Finn

Scott Sanborn, Selectmens' Representative

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Donald Pfaefflin, Chairman\*Beverly Ells\*Donna Dias

Judith Connelly, Alternate

Charles Sova, Selectmen's Representative

### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Bruce Ells'02

Beverly Ells'04

Barbara Smith'06

### **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Elwin Grace Anita Watson

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN** Brent Stevens Larry Belloir

**DEPUTY WARDENS** Daniel Hazelton

**AUDITORS** Bruce Ells Catherine Ells

**BUILDING INSPECTOR** Donald Pfaefflin

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Robert Proulx'02 Tim Connelly'03 Lyell Smith'04

# **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

## **TOWN OF ORANGE**

### **TOWN WARRANT**

#### **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Orange, in the county of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED** to meet at the Town House in said Orange on Tuesday, the 12th day of March 2002, at eleven o'clock a.m. to act upon the following subjects. The polls will open for the election of Town Officers at 11 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. unless the Meeting votes to extend the time.

**ARTICLE 1:** To choose by ballot and plurality vote 1 Town Clerk for one year, 1 Town Treasurer for one year, 1 Selectman for three years, 1 Moderator for 2 years, 1 Cemetery Agent for one year, 1 Overseer of Public Welfare for one year, 1 Budget Committee Member for three years, 2 Auditors for one year, 1 Road Agent for one year, 1 Tax Collector for one year, 1 Deeding Agent for one year, 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for one year and any other officers required by law.

**The following articles will be discussed and acted upon at the business meeting, which will start at 7 p.m.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3% except for resident taxes on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills pursuant to RSA 80:52 on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at time of payment.

**(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)**



**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a revaluation of property.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 dollars to be paid into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town House building improvements.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant Fund of \$24,044.38 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 or 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment. Said amount to be included in Article 9.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$174,122.44 for town expenses as called for by the budget, submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

(RECOMMENDED BY SELECTMEN)

(RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE)

**ARTICLE 8:** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and other officers heretofore and pass any vote relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 9:** To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant.

**ARTICLE 10:** Polls shall not close earlier than eight o'clock in the evening.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL THIS TWENTY  
THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWO.

Carol E. Decato

Scott Sanborn

Charles E. Sova

# **ORANGE TOWN BUDGET** **PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION**

	Approp 2001	Expend 2001	Approp 2002
General Government			
Officers Salaries	\$9,200	\$8,085.00	\$9,200
Elections & Registration	400	371.00	1100
Abatements	200	0	200
Property Reappraisal	1,000	200.00	1,500
Legal Expenses	5,000	3,250.00	8,000
FICA Payments	2,100	1,408.00	1,750
Planning and Zoning	1,000	1,121.00	1,400
General Gov't Bldings	4,000	2,272.00	3,000
Cemeteries	1,800	1,423.00	1,800
Insurance	3,000	2,793.00	3,000
Membership	1,000	510.00	1,000
Officers Expenses	2,700	3,108.00	3,000
Public Safety			
Police Department	10,000	12,341.00	10,000
FAST Squad (Canaan)	3,500	3,500.00	3,500
Fire Department	7,500	0.00	13,600
Building Inspection	400	534.00	500
Emergency Mgmt. E911	100	0.00	500
Highway & Streets			
Highway	59,500	72,304.00	59,500
Sanitation			
Garbage Removal	16,500	16,081.00	14,000
Health			
Grafton County Senior Citizens & Mascoma Home Health	1,800	1,695.00	1,800



	Approp 2001	Expend 2001	Approp 2002
Welfare			
Direct Assistance	1,500	120.00	1,500
Culture and Recreation			
Other	350	179.00	350
Debt Service			
Road Bond	17,459.97	17,459.97	20,049.01
Road Bond Interest	4,890.60	4,890.60	4,333.43
Truck Loan			3,540.00
Capital Outlay			
Town House	<u>6,000</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Totals	160,901	158,922.00	174,122.44

### SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimate 2001	Actual 2001	Estimate 2002
Taxes			
Land Use Change Tax	0	807.69	0
Resident Taxes	1,800	1,920.00	1,900
Yield taxes	2,500	3,527.75	3,000
Int. & Pen. on			
Delinquent taxes	1,500	1,775.22	1,500
Inventory Penalties	100	530.00	100
Licenses, Permits & Fees			
UCC	0	30.00	0
Motor vehicle			
permit fees	34,000	40,597.80	36,000
Building Permits	100	160.00	100
Other licenses,			
permits & fees	400	232.00	300

	Estimate 2000	Actual 2000	Estimate 2001
From Federal Government	0	3074.74	0
From State			
Shared Revenue	2,500	2,802.00	2,800
Rooms & Meals Tax Dist.	4,000	7,796.17	7,500
Highway Block Grant	22,867.75	22,867.75	24,044.38
State & Fed. Forest			
Land Reimb	5,000	6,796.20	6,500
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Interest on investments	2,000	5,715.84	2,000
Other	0	76.00	0
Total Revenue & Credits	77,767.75	98,709.16	85,744.38

## SUMMARY OF VALUATION

As of December 31, 2001

Land	\$10,945,233
Buildings-Residential	10,891,932
Public Utilities	<u>374,122</u>
	\$22,211,287

## **Treasurer's Report Year 2001**

**Starting Cash 1/1/2001** **\$253,367.54**

### **Receipts from Selectmen:**

#### **Licenses/permits/fees**

Filing Fees	\$8.00
Driveway permits	\$30.00
Current Use Application	\$12.00
Pistol Permits	\$10.00
Wetlands Application	\$10.00
Building Permits	\$160.00

#### **Other Income**

Town History	\$10.00
Reimb Supervisors MVRHS	\$60.00
Intent To Cut	\$100.00
Rooms/Meals Tax Reimb	\$7,796.17

#### **Insurance Dividends & Reimbursements**

NHMA Property/Liability	\$76.00
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#### **State of New Hampshire**

Shared Revenue Block Grant	\$2,802.00
Highway Block Grant	\$22,867.75
State & Federal forest Reimb	\$6,796.20
FEMA Reimb	\$3,074.74

**TOTAL FROM SELECTMEN:** **\$43,812.86**

### **Receipts from Town Clerk:**

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$40,400.80
Motor Vehicle Titles	\$147.00
Dog Licenses Issued	\$397.00
Dog License Late Fees	\$125.00
Kennel Fees	\$12.00
UCC Filings	\$30.00
Vital Statistics	\$22.00
Marriage Licenses	\$90.00

**TOTAL FROM TOWN CLERK** **\$41,223.80**



**Receipts from Tax Collector:**

2001 Property Tax	\$308,992.22
2000 Property Tax	\$36,040.83
2000 Property Tax Interest	\$1,449.22
2001 Property Tax Overpayment	\$0.34
2000 Property Tax Overpayment	\$2.50
2001 Resident Tax	\$1,810.00
2001 Resident Tax Penalty	\$3.00
2000 Resident Tax	\$90.00
2000 Resident Tax Penalty	\$9.00
1999 Resident Tax	\$10.00
1999 Resident Tax Penalty	\$1.00
1998 Resident Tax	\$30.00
1998 Resident Tax & Penalty	\$22.00
2001 Yield Tax	\$2,975.17
2000 Yield Tax	\$552.58
Fee	\$34.43
Costs	\$311.00
Current Use Change Tax	\$807.69

**Sub Total:** **\$353,110.98**

1998 Tax Liens Redeemed	\$3,872.49
Interests and Costs	\$1,514.46
1999 Tax Liens Redeemed	\$468.18
Interests and Costs	\$72.90

**TOTAL FROM TAX COLLECTOR** **\$359,039.01**

**Receipts from Bank:**

Mascoma Savings Bank	
Interest Money Market	\$3,000.37
Interest Maximizer (road acct)	\$2,686.31
Interest Checking Account	\$29.16
Refinance of Truck Loan	\$9,443.54
Tax Anticipation Note	\$125,000.00
<b>Totals From Bank</b>	<b>\$140,179.39</b>

**GRAND TOTAL OF ALL RECEIPTS** **\$837,622.59**

**FUNDS DISBURSED:**

Vouchers paid per order of Selectmen	\$532,236.38
Principal owed Tax Anticipation Note	\$125,000.00
Interest Tax anticipation Note	\$656.85

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$657,893.23**

**CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2001** **\$179,729.36**

**BORROWED FUNDS 2001**

Tax Anticipation Note	\$125,000.00
Truck Note (3 year term)	\$9,443.54

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**  
**LINDA J. GINER, TREASURER**

# TAX COLLECTOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2001**

## DEBITS:

<b>Uncollected Taxes-</b>	<b><u>2001</u></b>	<b><u>2000</u></b>	<b><u>1997-8-9</u></b>
<b>Beg. of Year:</b>			
Property Taxes		34,433.09	0.00
Resident Taxes		220.00	40.00
Yield Taxes		552.58	0.00
Additional Property Tax Warrant		2621.38	
<b>Taxes Committed-</b>			
<b>This Year:</b>			
Property Taxes	346,735.33	2184.99	0.00
Resident Taxes	2,010.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	807.69	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,975.17	0.00	0.00
<b>Overpayment:</b>			
Property Taxes	0.54	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	30.00	0.00	0.00
Resident Tax Prepayment	10.00	0.00	0.00
Interest-Late Tax+Costs		1760.22	0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	3.00	9.00	3.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$352,571.73</b>	<b>\$39,633.20</b>	<b>\$43.00</b>

## CREDITS:

<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b><u>2001</u></b>	<b><u>2000</u></b>	<b><u>1997-8-9</u></b>
Property Taxes	308,992.22	36,040.83	0.00
Resident Taxes	1,800.00	90.00	30.00
Land Use Change	807.69	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,975.17	552.58	0.00
Interest	1,449.22	0.00	
Penalties	3.00	9.00	3.00
Property Tax Overpayment		2.50	0.00
Property Taxes (Costs)		311.00	0.00



**CREDITS:**

<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>	<b><u>2001</u></b>	<b><u>2000</u></b>	<b><u>1997-8-9</u></b>
<b>Abatements Made:</b>			
Property Taxes	8,634.63	913.48	0.00
Resident Taxes	20.00	100.00	10.00
Yield Taxes (interest)		34.43	0.00
Discounts: Prop. Tax (Pickups)		100.16	0.00
Resident Tax Prepayment	10.00	0.00	0.00

**Uncollected****Taxes-End of Year**

Property Taxes	29,109.02	0.00	0.00
Resident Taxes	220.00	30.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$352,571.73</b>	<b>\$39,633.20</b>	<b>\$43.00</b>

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT****FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2001****DEBITS:**

<b>LEVIES OF</b>	<b><u>2000</u></b>	<b><u>1999</u></b>	<b><u>1998</u></b>
<b>Unredeemed Liens</b>			
Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	0.00	\$3,846.38	\$3,872.49
<b>Liens Executed During</b>			
Fiscal Year	\$7,822.30	0.00	0.00
<b>Interest &amp; Costs</b>			
Collected	0.00	\$72.90	\$1,514.46
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$7,822.30</b>	<b>\$3,919.28</b>	<b>\$5,386.95</b>
<b>Remitted to Treasurer:</b>	<b><u>2000</u></b>	<b><u>1999</u></b>	<b><u>1998</u></b>
Redemptions		\$468.18	\$3,872.49
<b>Interest &amp; Costs</b>			
Collected	0.00	\$72.90	\$1,514.46
<b>Unredeemed Liens</b>			
Bal. End of Year	\$7,822.30	\$3,378.20	0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$7,822.80</b>	<b>\$3,919.28</b>	<b>\$5,386.95</b>

**Sharon Lee Proulx, Tax Collector**

**REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND  
INVESTMENTS FOR 2001 OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE  
PRINCIPAL**

<u>Date Created</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance 1/1/01</u>	<u>12/31/01</u>
8/23/15	Hannah M. French	200.00	200.00
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	200.00	200.00
3/28/33	Arthur A. Briggs	100.00	100.00
3/27/34	Clara A. Huse	100.00	100.00
8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	100.00	100.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	250.00	250.00
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1,800.00</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>

**INCOME**

Interest Rate: 1/01/01-6/01/01=4.97%  
6/01/01-12/31/01=4.88%

<u>Date Created</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance 1/1/01</u>	<u>Interest</u>
8/23/15	Hannah M. French	611.72	43.62
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	917.68	43.62
3/28/33	Arthur A. Briggs	276.57	22.20
3/27/34	Clara A. Huse	239.36	22.20
8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	251.58	22.20
<u>Date Created</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance 1/1/01</u>	<u>Interest</u>
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	727.74	55.12
3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	886.02	55.12
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	914.36	55.12
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ford	973.22	55.12
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	249.68	22.20
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>6047.93</b>	<b>396.52</b>

**REPORT OF THE COMMON TRUST FUND  
INVESTMENTS FOR 2001 OF THE TOWN OF ORANGE,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

<u>Date Created</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>12/31/01</u>
8/23/15	Hannah M. French	855.34	
5/02/17	Jennie M. French	1161.30	
3/28/33	Arthur A. Briggs	398.77	
3/27/34	Clara A. Huse	361.56	
8/09/34	Asa Hoyt	373.78	
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Eastman	1032.86	
3/13/56	Abbie Fellows	1191.14	
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs. A. Ford	1219.48	
3/13/56	Mr. & Mrs.Charles Ford	1278.34	
3/13/56	Lyman Batchelder	371.88	
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>8244.45</b>	

Cemetery Trust Funds held in Commom Trust Account  
Mascoma Savings Bank, Account # 386005459  
Interest Rate: 4088% APY: 5.00%  
Certificate Matures 9/02/02  
Balance on 12/13/01 was \$8,244.45

Alice Smith, Trustee of Trust Funds

**TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF  
ORANGE FOR 2001 CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS**  
**Capital Reserve Beginning Added Interest Expended Ending**  
**Fund Balance Balance**

Highway Equip.  
Reserve Fund ----- \$1,000.00 \$30.88 -----  
\$1030.88

Created: 4/19/01 – Mascoma Savings Bank Account #68015516  
(Warrant Article #14, New Funds)  
Interest Rate: 4055% Maturity Date: 4/20/02



Town HouseCapital

Reserve Fund \$2072.33 \$2000.00 \$149.76 ----- \$4222.09  
(Warrant Article #14, New Funds) Created 5/22/00  
Mascoma Savings Account #68012181, Int.Rate:4.50%thru8/21/01  
Maturity Date: 3/20/02  
3.58%from8/22/01

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Revaluation Capital

Reserve Fund \$5,193.90 ----- 295.01 ----- \$5488.91  
(Warrant Article #10, New Funds) Created 5/22/00  
Mascoma Savings Account#68012182,Int.Rate:4.50%thru8/21/01  
Maturity Date: 3/20/02 3.58%from8/22/01

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Revaluation Capital

Reserve Fund \$----- \$5000.00 \$144.43 -----  
\$5144.43  
(Warrant Article #5, New Funds) Created 4/19/01  
Mascoma Savings Account#68015515, Int.Rate :4.26%  
Maturity Date: 3/19/02

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Alice Smith, Trustee of Trust Funds

**REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK  
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2001**

406 Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$40,400.80
67 Dog Permits	251.00
Penalties	125.00
Titles	147.00
Marriages 2	90.00
UCC	30.00
Copies of Vitals	<u>22.00</u>
Total deposits	\$41,223.80

## **VITAL STATISTICS 2000**

### **MARRIAGES**

Giner, Frank to Bateman, Linda J.	January 1, 2000
LaHaye, Franklin F. to LaHaye, Betsy A.	January 28, 2000
Balch, Brian T. to Russell, Karen I.	April 15, 2000
Johnson Micah K. to Guay, Amity B.	July 15, 2000

### **DEATHS**

Moore Cynthia N.	June 26, 2000
Cady, William	August 8, 2000
Warde, Frieda	December 26, 2000

### **BIRTHS**

Hammond, Kayla Lynne Marie	February 27, 2000
Born to Walter and Jennifer Hammond	
Balch, Mason James	July 9, 2000
Born to Brian and Karen Balch	

## **VITAL STATISTICS 2001**

### **MARRIAGES**

Daniels, Kenneth D. to Hamel, Erika M.	February 16, 2001
Pfaefflin Donald A. to Gibles, Regina A.	April 7, 2001
Rogers, Jeramy E. to LaHaye, Amy L.	May 15, 2001

### **BIRTHS**

Conrad, Franklyn Kenneth	October 17, 2001
Born to Franklyn & Brandi Conrad	

## **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Selectmen of Orange, New Hampshire  
Year Ending December 31, 2001

We extend our thanks to the Town Officials for their cooperation and assistance in carrying out the 2001 audit. Their time and effort is most appreciated.

We have two recommendations as a result of this year's audit.

The selectmen's payments for the year did not agree with the treasurer's. This was a result of miscommunication as to which vouchers paid the first part of January were for 2001 and which ones were 2002. Although the difference was minimal, we recommend at the end of each month the treasurer submit to the selectmen a list of voucher numbers and amounts paid for the month. It would then be the responsibility of the selectmen to verify the treasurer's list with their anticipated expenditures for the month. Any discrepancies should be addressed in a timely manner, especially at year-end.

Secondly, it is the responsibility of the auditors to verify the town clerk has accounted for all motor vehicle registrations serially numbered by the state. It would be greatly appreciated if all the registrations (renewed, unused and voided) could be filed in serial number order with the monthly inventory statement issued by the state. This would expedite the verification process.

All of the Town's accounts balanced, except for as noted above, and no corrections or adjustments were made as a result of this years audit. In our opinion, the officer's reports accurately reflect the financial position of the Town of Orange for the year ending December 31, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine A. Ells, Auditor, Town of Orange

Bruce E. Ells, Auditor, Town of Orange



## **SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

**As of December 31, 2001**

Town Hall & Land	77,400.00
Other Town Properties	
Land	93,971.00
Furniture & Equipment	10,000.00
Library - Books and Equipment	2,000.00
Police Department	2,000.00
Highway Department	40,000.00
Cemetery Department	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL	226,871.00

Number of Inventories Distributed 1999 279

### **Appropriations Expended:**

Town	\$158,922.00
School	270,853.15
County	26,665.00

### **Other:**

Taxes bought by Town 7,822.30

GRAND TOTAL \$464,262.45

### **Tax Rate Per \$1,000.00**

Municipal	\$5.10
County	\$1.69
School	\$9.20
State Property	<u>\$6.40</u>

TOTAL \$22.39

## **DETAILED STATEMENT OF VOUCHERS**

### **TOWN OFFICER SALARIES**

Alice Smith	\$100.00
Carol Decato	\$2,354.50
Catherine Ells	\$60.00
Charles Sova	\$1,300.00
Christina Buckwold	\$186.00
Daniel Hazelton	\$60.00
Linda Giner	\$800.00
Lyell Smith	\$60.00
Patricia White	\$544.00
Robert Proulx	\$60.00
Scott Sanborn	\$1,360.00
Sharon Proulx	\$1,140.00
Timothy Connelly	<u>\$60.00</u>
	\$8,084.50

### **TOWN OFFICER EXPENSES**

Bluebook Values	\$53.00
Branham Publishing	\$58.80
Canaan Postmaster	\$84.00
Carol Decato	\$600.03
Carol Elliott, Reg. Dds	\$123.70
Charles Sova	\$431.49
Country Chronicle	\$168.00
CPI Printing	\$169.66
Linda Giner	\$34.00
McBee	\$158.43
National Mkt. Rpts.	\$51.00
NH Tax Coll. Assn.	\$20.00
NH Town Clerk Assn.	\$20.00
NHHOA	\$15.00
Pat White	\$88.40
Poster Comp. Center	\$39.25

Robert Proulx	\$24.45
Sharon Proulx	\$122.62
Staples	\$10.65
Stark & Son Machinery	\$41.25
Tina Buckwold	\$61.75
Treasurer, State of NH	\$97.50
Twin States Typewriter	\$45.00
University Prod., Inc	\$137.15
USPS	<u>\$263.20</u>
	\$2,918.33

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

UVLSRPC	\$308.00
Robert Proulx	\$713.25
NHMA	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$1,121.25

## **TOWN HALL EXPENSES**

Johnson & Dix	\$1,352.86
NHEC	\$756.58
Verizon	<u>\$353.07</u>
	\$2,462.51

## **MEMBERSHIP**

N.H. Health Off Assoc	\$10.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc	<u>\$500.00</u>
	\$510.00

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Andrew Ware	<u>\$12,340.89</u>
	\$12,340.89

## **HIGHWAYS - SUMMER**

Blaktop	\$84.26
Brownie's Auto Parts	\$50.94
Canaan Hardware	\$100.55
Evans Motor Fuels	\$335.54
Garrett Decato	\$302.50
George Smith	\$1,874.20
Gleason Decato	\$423.50

Hammond Lumber	\$1,862.50
Nicholas Schwarz	\$346.50
R. Remacle Const. Co	\$12,950.00
UV Equip. Rentals	\$1,265.25
Vern Hines	\$319.00
Walter Buckwold	<u>\$355.00</u>
	\$20,269.74

## **HIGHWAYS - WINTER**

Barker Steel	\$456.00
Brownie's Auto Parts	\$88.37
Cargill Salt	\$1,273.15
Evans Motor Fuels	\$642.31
Garrett Decato	\$1,243.00
George Smith	\$2,434.48
Gleason Decato	\$181.50
Northern States Tire	\$1,086.00
Remacle Const. Co.	\$44,510.00
Sabil&Sons	<u>\$118.91</u>
	\$52,033.72

## **CEMETERY**

Don's Sport & Power	\$7.50
James Colburn	\$1,347.29
Robert Proulx	<u>\$68.43</u>
	\$1,423.22

## **ELECTION & REGISTRATION EXPENSE**

CPI	\$48.67
Ada Eastman	\$25.00
Alice Smith	\$25.00
Barbara Smith	\$36.22
Beverly Ells	\$25.00
Bruce Ells	\$25.00
Carol Decato	\$25.00
Charles Sova	\$25.00
Country Chronicle	\$42.00



Daniel Hazelton	\$25.00
Edith Sova	\$25.00
Margaret Nusbaum	\$25.00
Stuart Smith	<u>\$19.20</u>
	\$371.09

#### **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Donald Pfaefflin	\$94.75
Senior Citizens Council	\$500.00
Visiting Nurse of Vt & NH	<u>\$1,100.00</u>
	\$1,694.75

#### **INSURANCE & SOCIAL SECURITY**

Primex	\$557.47
NHMA PLT, Inc	\$2,236.00
IRS	<u>\$1,408.36</u>
	\$4,201.83

#### **LEGAL**

Gardner & Fulton	\$3,525.70
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#### **SANITATION**

NE Waste Seviles, LTD	\$12,930.72
Plymouth Septage	\$100.00
Town of Grafton	\$550.00
Town of Canaan	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
	\$16,080.72

#### **RECREATION AND CULTURE**

Marilyn Johnson	<u>\$178.75</u>
	\$178.75

#### **PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DIVISIONS**

MVRSD	\$270,853.15
Grafton County	<u>\$26,665.00</u>
	\$297,518.15

**NEW HAMPSHIRE TAX ADMINISTRATION GRANT**

Grant	\$12,000.00
Balance Carried Over	\$5,850.42
Expenses-None	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Balance Carried Over	\$5,850.42

The balance carried over may be used to update the computerized tax maps and acquire any needed computer software to access the files.

**ROAD AGENT REPORT 2001**

I recommend that the Highway Maintenance Budget remain the same as last year, staying with the amount of \$59,500.00.

The Winter Maintenance portion be set at \$30,500.00.

This amount will cover the cost of:

Snow Plowing of roads and Snow Removal on Town Property.

Sanding roads, Salting roads.

Use of Town Truck includes maintenance and labor costs.

The Summer Maintenance portion to remain at \$29,000.00. This amount will cover the cost of the following road work:

Removal of sand build-up by sweeping the paved roads.

Ditching, and cleaning ditches, and culverts.

Roadside brush cutting and mowing with use of a tractor.

Culvert work or replacement if needed.

Gravel, hard pak, or ledge stone applied as needed.

Grading and York Raking all graveled roads.

Patching of potholes in the road ways.

Contractor's cost for use of his equipment and operators.

Use of Town Truck and York Rake includes maintenance and labor costs.

Work done on the Town Roads this past year was the following:

All paved roads were swept.

Graded, raked, and ditched all Town Roads. Tuttle Hill, Burnt Hill, River Rd., Cross Rd., Tug Mtn., and Townhouse Rd. were widened out to the original road width. Grading and raking was done several times over course of summer and fall.

Widened Sky Land Trail Rd. (Pierson's) off Brock Hill with use of a bull-dozer.

Installed three culverts on Tuttle Hill Rd. and one on Eastmann Rd..

Cleaned inlets and outlets on all Town Roads with back-hoe.

Graveled part of Burnt Hill Rd. All of River Rd. and north end of New Colony Rd.,

New turn around was constructed off Eastmann Rd. (Douquette's property) at a cost of around \$1400.00.

Calcium chloride was spread on Tuttle Hill Rd. and Burnt Hill for dust control.

The winter storms of 2000-2001 were most severe and depleted the Winter Maintenance portion of the budget. Exceptionally bad was the blizzard of March 5 through March 7, 2001. A Disaster Public Assistance Program was declared by President Bush, and our county became eligible for public assistance for part of storm related expenses incurred. Only a designated twenty-four hour time frame was allowed to obtain re-imbursement for storm costs. My wife and I attended a Briefing Meeting in Plymouth on April 10, 2001 to receive instruction and paperwork to apply for this assistance. We completed the necessary forms to apply. The Town of Orange was re-imbursed \$3,941.97 for expenses from the Office of Emergency Management (FEMA). We also were hit with bad snow storms during the middle and end of March. ROAD MAINTENANCE NOTE; Funds were used for the completion of work contracted with Pike Industries, Inc.. Balance of these funds carried forward from last year was \$76,547.31.

The following work was done by Pike as part of this project:

Eastman Rd. had a leveling course of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " and a finishing course of hot-top applied with a cost of \$20,665.00. Road footage covered was 2250'

Tuttle Hill Rd. had a 1" over-layer of hot-top applied on road footage of 607', with a cost of \$2800.00.

Tug Mtn. Rd. with road footage of 520', New Colony with road footage of 610' and Peaslee Rd. with footage 945', with a total cost of \$22,500.00. A leveling course  $\frac{3}{4}$ " of hot-top and a finishing course of hot-top was applied.

The north end of New Colony Rd. had a leveling course of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " layer of hot-top and a finishing course of hot-top for a distance of 1700', at a cost of \$22,933.00. The south end of New Colony Rd. had an additional 550' paved at a cost of \$1400.00.

Graveling of shoulders of one foot plus or minus was done on all of the above projects at a cost of \$5,500.00. Payment in full for Pike Industries, Inc. has been withheld for unsatisfactory work needing to be re-done on New Colony Rd. and on these road shoulders in the amount of \$16,292.00. This work is supposed to be completed by June 1, 2002 as agreed to by Pike Industries, and payment will be made.

Prep work for these projects including cleaning out inlets and outlets, lowering driveway culverts, and lowering high culverts in roadways, all ditch work, and use of hired equipment totaled \$3,730.00 which came out of Summer Maintenance Budget.

Pike said that they would be willing to pave Wheeler Rd. for a sum of \$4,500.00 to \$5,000.00 if done at the same time as the above listed unsatisfactory work is completed.

This is a brief summary of work completed and work needing to be done. I thank you for your support in helping me carry out my duties as Road Agent this past year.

Respectfully submitted by: George Smith



## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

This year, the Planning Board began the important task of updating and revising the Orange Master Plan, first developed back in 1984. The master plan provides a framework to guide the future growth and development of the community.

Over the winter months, a community survey was designed, reviewed and refined. The Board held a well-attended and successful Community Forum on May 23. The program included presentations on the basics of a master plan, goals accomplished from the 1984 master plan, population figures and trends, development in Orange since 1984, ownership of land, and a review of land use planning in Orange. Participants offered opinions and suggestions that were incorporated into the final draft of the community survey.

In early September, a total of 318 community surveys were mailed; 231 to residents and 87 to non-resident property owners. Of that total, 145 completed surveys were returned which represents an excellent response rate of 45%. Usually communities have a response rate of only 12% to 25% for such surveys. The surveys were completed by a good cross-section of the community representing all ages and length of residency and ownership, as well as an equal percentage of residents and non-resident property owners. In early December, all 318 residents and non-resident property owners were mailed a final tabulation of the survey results along with a summary of the many excellent comments and suggestions that were made.

Over the next 18 months, the Planning Board will be working with the professional planners from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to develop the new master plan. The nine chapters of the plan will include population, housing,

economic base, transportation, community facilities and services, recreation, historic resources, natural resources, and land use. An updated set of goals, policies, and recommendations will be written for each topic. Citizens will have the opportunity to review and critique drafts of each chapter as they are completed. Public hearings will be held on the draft of the proposed master plan before its adoption.

The Planning Board thanks you again for your interest and support, and invites you to continue to help us define our community's vision for the future.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Proulx, Chairman

## **COMMUNITY FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT**

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for any burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs. Open burning is a privilege, **NOT** a right. Help us to protect you and our forest resource! Build small brush piles that can be quickly burned and extinguished.

New Hampshire experienced over 940 wildland fires in 2001. Most of the fires were human caused. Due to dry conditions fires spread quickly impacting more than 20 structures. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around

the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. **Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fires.** Contact your local Fire Department or the Division of Forest and Lands website at [www.nhdfi.com](http://www.nhdfi.com) or call 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

## 2001 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 26, 2001)

### **TOTALS BY COUNTY**

### **CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED**

	<b><u># of Fires</u></b>	<b><u>Acres</u></b>
Belknap	89	18
Carroll	62	12
Cheshire	147	41
Coos	53	16
Grafton	109	99
Hillsborough	198	68
Merrimack	70	20
Rockingham	135	90
Strafford	57	54
Sullivan	22	10

Illegal	279
Unknown	201
Smoking	86
Children	69
Campfires	49
Rekindle or Permit	45
Arson	31
Lightning	24
Miscellaneous*	158

	<b><u>Total Fires</u></b>	<b><u>Total Acres</u></b>
2001	942	428
2000	516	149
1998	1301	452

\*(Miscellaneous: powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment, etc.)

## MARY RICKSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

In 1993, a scholarship fund for graduating seniors was started in honor of Mary Rickson, a long time resident of Orange. Mary, is the originator of our annual Christmas party, and generously made Santa's gifts for children and adults. Even though she is no longer residing in Orange, she continued to send gifts for our Christmas parties for many years because she feels her home is here. In the spirit of Mary's dedication and love to the children and the Town of Orange, a scholarship in her name seemed appropriate.

We offer a scholarship to every graduating senior from the Town of Orange who plans to further his/her education. The interested senior is asked to write a short essay about our town – past, present or future – and to serve two hours of community service. To date, we have awarded six scholarships.

To raise money for scholarships, we have had bake sales and last March before Town Meeting, we enjoyed our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual baked bean supper. We currently have \$2998.32 in our account. To keep this fund growing, we welcome community support in the form of donations, fund raising ideas, and participants.

Thank you to all who have helped in any capacity. We could not have done this without you.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Eastman

Anita Watson

Barb Smith

Marilyn Johnson

December 31,2001



## **Town of Orange Town Meeting Minutes**

### **March 13,2001**

Meeting brought to order by Dan Hazelton, Moderator, at 7:00pm. He said the polls would continue to be open until 8:00pm. Article 1 is for choosing by paper ballot all Town Officers required by law.

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to give a discount of 3%, except for resident taxes, on taxes paid in full within twenty days from the date of the bills, pursuant to N.H. RSA 80:52, on the condition that the taxpayer deduct the discount at the time of payment.

Article moved by Bob Proulx, seconded by Nate Harpootlian. No discussion. Article passed

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to authorize the Tax Collector to accept payments in prepayment of taxes in accordance with N.H. RSA 80:52a. This article will remain in effect until rescinded.

Article moved by Scott Sanborn, seconded by Bob Ells, No discussion. Article passed.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize prepayment of resident taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept payment in prepayment of taxes. This article will remain in effect until rescinded.

Article moved by Bob Ells, seconded by Scott Sanborn. No discussion. Article passed

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid into the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of a revaluation of property.

Moved by Scott Sanborn, seconded by Bob Proulx

Discussion: This will bring the fund up to \$10,000.00, and since the cost can be around \$12,000.00, and more, that another year should bring the fund up to close to an amount we should need to reevaluate the Town.. Article passed

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one dollar (\$1.00) to be paid into the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing highway related equipment.

Moved by Selectman Charles Sova, seconded by Frank Giner

Discussion: Charlie noted that the Selectmen put this Article in for discussion purposes to allow the Towns people to decide there pleasure for this Article. There was discussion on buying a sander for the Town Truck, a gas powered one would cost about \$7,200.00 and a hydraulic, Stainless Steel one about \$8,300.00.

Frank Giner wanted the Town to purchase one out of the Highway Maintenance money if we decided to buy one. It was noted that a sander would be beneficial for times when it may be needed to do quick or short notice sanding, for spots here and there, but not do the whole town. Sand cannot be kept in the sander as it would freeze. It could be handy when plowing if you came upon an icy spot. It was also noted by Selectmen Decato that the money wouldn't necessarily be for just a sander as the York Rake and the Culvert Steamer are also getting old.

Frank Giner made a motion to amend the \$1.00 figure and \$1,000.00 be put in the fund for this year, seconded by Nate Harpootlian.. Article as amended passed.

Article as amended moved by Scott Sanborn, seconded by Bob Proulx

Discussion on amended Article: Frank again suggested that the money could come out of the Highway Maintenance Fund. George Smith wanted to go on record as saying he doesn't believe that would be a good idea. Article passed

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two thousand (\$2,000.00) to be paid into the Town House Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of Town House building improvements.

Moved by Sharon Proulx, seconded by Barbara Smith

Discussion: Bob Proulx stated necessary projects that need to be done, the Town House roof needs fixing, foundation needs fixing, the upstairs floor, and downstairs floor are not level and may be problems structurally for the Town.

Article passed

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the Highway Block Grant of \$21,215.14 for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of Class 4 and 5 highways and for the purchase of equipment. Said amount to be included in Article 9.

Moved by Bruce Ells, seconded by Scott Sanborn,

Article passed

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,900.57 for town expenses as called for by the budget, submitted by the Budget Committee, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Moved by Bob Proulx, seconded by Brent Stevens,

Discussion: Bob Proulx suggested that the budget be discussed line by line in case anyone had any questions. Most of the discussion was on items that had already been explained at the Budget Hearing and were just reiterated here. It was suggested that anyone who had not seen the renovations done downstairs to finish off the Selectmen's office and an adjourning room that they should do so as it looked very nice.

It was discussed that money from the Trust Funds Cemetery Fund be used to help with our cemeteries. Alice Smith said interest from those funds could be used if necessary but mostly those funds are for perpetual care of the names they were dedicated for not for use as regular cemetery care. Questions were again asked in regards to getting timely reports from Andy Ware, Police Chief, it was noted that we received one in November but have not received another

one since then. There was a question when we would receive our 911 town numbers. We have signed papers and should be next in line to receive those numbers.

Article passed

**ARTICLE 10:** To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and other officers heretofore and pass any vote relative thereto. Edith Sova discussed the trash compactor for \$25.00.

**ARTICLE 11:** To transact any business that may legally come before the meeting not on the warrant.

Discussion: Large trash pickup was discussed. Our contract is up this year and it may be possible for the Selectmen to add this large trash pickup, to be part of the bid for the new year.

Adjourned: 8:15pm

Respectfully submitted, Carol E. Decato, Town Clerk









